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Long ago there was a skunk that lived near a village of people.



When angered, Skunk could make an odor that
was capable of killing his enemy.

One day a group of people from the village made Skunk very angry.
Skunk began chasing them.



The people became frightened and ran to the top of a hill.
They knew Skunk would continue chasing them,
so they thought of a plan to destroy Skunk.



The people heated a rock.

They planned to roll the rock down upon Skunk.





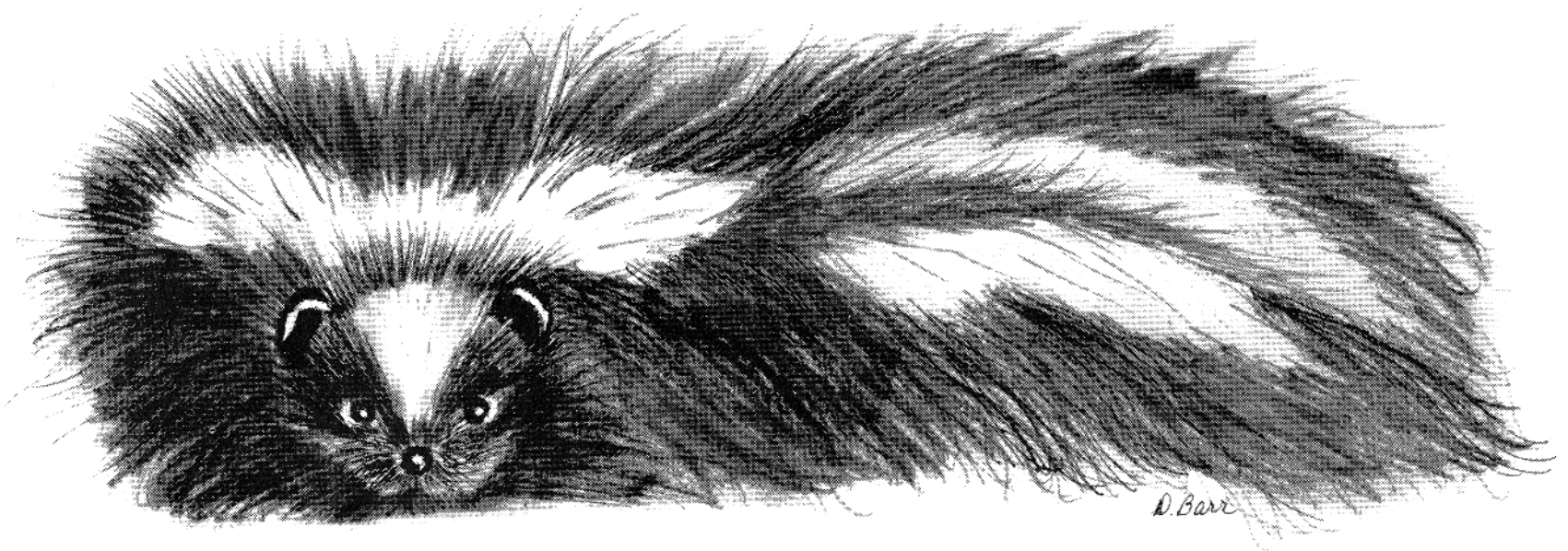
Skunk came into view at the bottom of the hill
and began climbing upward.



When Skunk was close enough, the people pushed the hot rock over the edge.



Now this did not kill or harm Skunk, but ever since that day,
Skunk is unable to kill any man or animal with his smell.
And to this day he wears a stripe caused by the burn.





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